



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

After 43 years enhancing the quality of life in this West Seattle neighborhood, you might think FCA wouldn't have much to report. Not so; 2023 was another active, productive year.

ADVOCACY

FAUNTLEROY FERRY TERMINAL: We continued to monitor and speak out as Washington State Ferries advanced planning to rebuild its terminal in Fauntleroy Cove. In January, FCA forwarded 700 petition signatures from residents in opposition to enlarging the terminal.

After a year-long hiatus, planners reconvened the project's community advisory group in October, which includes advocates for this and other West Seattle neighborhoods affected by the ferry terminal, plus Fauntleroy Creek and cove. The state presented several design options that would enlarge the terminal to increase parking on the trestle. In the fall, state planners hosted a walkaround so advisers could better understand commute challenges and how an elevated and enlarged trestle might fit into the cove.



State planners working to replace the Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal got advisory-group members on site to witness operations during a typically busy afternoon commute. They also checked out Fauntleroy Creek and other environmental features.

PUBLIC SAFETY: A representative of the Southwest Precinct attended most FCA business meetings during the year to provide updates on crime activity. These reports also enabled the Board to monitor enforcement of the city's revised residential parking zone program, which has long enabled Fauntleroy residents to park in front of their homes.



CANDIDATE CONVERSATIONS:

FCA hosted Rob Saka, Marin Costa, and Phil Tavel for individual conversations aimed at bringing this district's leading candidates for Seattle City Council up to speed on Fauntleroy issues. Principle topics were rationale for FCA's opposition to expansion of the ferry terminal and related traffic concerns.

FCA's position on ferry terminal rebuild

YES to pre-ticketing and automated toll collection to improve efficiency.

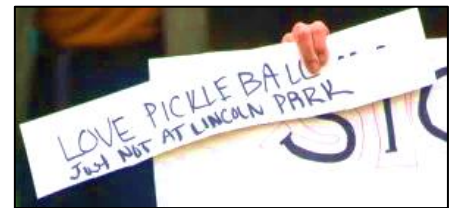
YES to promoting transit alternatives to single-occupancy vehicles.

YES to improving seismic stability, elevating for sea-level rise, and installing widely spaced piling.

NO to expanding overwater coverage to enlarge the trestle or add a second slip.

NETWORKING: FCA continued to be active in the District 1 Community Network, a forum for neighborhood groups on the Duwamish peninsula. The Board also joined the West Seattle Chamber of Commerce to enhance networking on peninsula-wide issues.

DEVELOPING ISSUES: The Board monitored three developing issues this year involving Lincoln Park: the long-delayed rebuilding of the south play area (finally started early 2024) and the possible impacts on wildlife and visitor enjoyment of the park if pickleball courts and an off-leash dog area were added. The Board also kept an eye on city changes that could affect the resident-only parking zone near the ferry terminal.



CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

ANNUAL MEETING & FOOD FEST:

Residents gathered on March 21 for an all-ages evening to reconnect with neighbors and browse information tables while sampling savories and sweets provided by local eateries. Members gave FCA officers and board members a hearty thanks and another term.



FCA hosted a full house for the FCA Annual Meeting and Food Fest. Most FCA officers and board members were able to be present to chat with fellow residents.

FAUNTLEROY FALL FESTIVAL: The festival drew an estimated 2,000 people on Oct. 15 for free activities, food, and camaraderie. Reed Haggerty led the hard-working steering committee and more than 100 volunteers kept things moving all afternoon.



Donations to keep the event free for the community came from a raffle and a portion of sales during special days at Endolyne Joe's, the Bird House, and Wildwood Market. Donations when FCA members paid dues also helped, as did a portion of the sale of Fautleroy sweatshirts at multiple locations.



Bruce Butterfield, Mike Dey, Gary Dawson, and Ann Dawson promoted FCA while children brought scores of pumpkins to life during the Fautleroy Fall Festival.



Violette and Isabelle Stark were among the dozens of successful searchers during FCA's Great Pumpkin Search.

HUNTS: Thanks to many hands that stuffed and hid the eggs, an estimated 200 children enjoyed our annual egg hunt in April. More than 70 eagle-eyed children were at it again in October searching for pumpkins and special gifts hidden in the Endolynne business area. Candace Blue and Scott Wiesemann ably coordinated both events.

COMMUNICATION

Bill Wellington continued to manage our website, Facebook page, and special FCA Flash alerts. Judy Pickens continued editing our quarterly *Neighbors* newsletter and our annual report.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

COMMUNITY SURVEY: This year, we invited more than 3,000 area residents to sound off about what needs FCA's attention. Findings of prior surveys have informed FCA priorities and this one will start doing the same in early 2024.



Volunteers weeded planter boxes and put in bulbs for spring color.

BUSINESS AREA: In January, volunteers refreshed all 23 planter boxes in the Endolynne business area and planted bulbs for a spring show of color.

ACCESSIBILITY: At FCA's request, the city installed several ramps along Fautleroy Way SW at the north end of Lincoln Park to improve access for pedestrians who rely on wheels. In addition, the Fautleroy Watershed Council worked with Seattle Parks to assess doable changes that could to make visiting the Fautleroy Park easier for those relying on wheeled access.

ENVIRONMENT: Acting as FCA's environmental arm, the Fautleroy Watershed Council alerted the city in mid April to a pond forming upstream of

the culvert that conveys Fautleroy Creek under 45th Ave. SW. After a month-long effort to restore flow, the city restored full flow and began monitoring the culvert until it can be replaced.

A self-guided nature walk coordinated by Lindsey Conrad now links visitors by QR code to online descriptions of a dozen native trees and shrubs they can find in Fautleroy Park. The watershed council also began work on a digital wayfinding project to help visitors find their way around the park and see more of its features.



Community volunteers made research along Fautleroy Creek possible for students, including Louisa Boren STEM K-8 fourth graders checking for aquatic insects.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: The Board offered its full support to Chris Jaramillo after her appointment as Fautleroy area manager for the city's emergency preparedness program.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY: With the addition of Lowman Beach Park, we now provide red flags at 10 sites in the neighborhood to improve pedestrian safety at 17 street crossings.



TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

MEETINGS: Except in August and December, the FCA Board had monthly business meetings open to all members. Those not able to be present in person could participate online.

LEADERSHIP: Meredith Sciarrio joined the Board this year to be responsible for residential membership and Amber Heinemann joined to focus on business membership.

MEMBERSHIP: At year's end, we had 171 members, including households, businesses, and government entities. Membership renewals were standardized to the first quarter of the year.

FINANCES: Funding support for FCA totaled \$7,525. About three quarters of our members made automated annual payments through PayPal and Square.

Expenditures of \$15,507 included a \$3,000 contribution to the Fauntleroy Fall Festival, \$630 for egg and pumpkin hunts, \$2,060 for printing the newsletter and annual report, \$321 for crosswalk flags, \$60 for administrative expenses, \$198 for PayPal fees, \$194 for our post office box, \$464 for website and Zoom hosting fees, \$2,592 for software for our new-membership database, \$1,342 for our biannual community survey, and \$2,592 for the annual meeting. Net cash as of Dec. 31 was \$25,596.83.

As fiscal agent for the Fauntleroy Fall Festival, FCA received \$12,599 in donations in addition to our \$3,000 contribution. Those donations were proceeds from a raffle during our June fundraiser, the sale of Fauntleroy sweatshirts, and special days at Endolyne Joe's, the Birdhouse, and Wildwood Market. We paid \$12,522 in expenses to close the year with net cash of \$4,527.



ON OUR RADAR

Issues and opportunities on the FCA Board's radar for 2024 include

- ⦿ design of the **Fauntleroy Ferry Terminal**.
- ⦿ replacement of two **Fauntleroy Creek culverts**.
- ⦿ emerging opportunities to improve neighborhood **public safety**.
- ⦿ annual traditions and new activities that **strengthen ties** within our community.

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